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SUBJ: NUCLEAR ENERGY - BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON NUCLEAR  
ENERGY IN THE FRG

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1. SUMMARY: AFTER DISAPPOINTING BUT LENGTHY  
PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MATTHOEFER  
CONCLUDED THAT THE HAD RECEIVED NEITHER "RED LIGHT" NOR  
AN UNCONDITIONAL "YES" FOR FUTURE NUCLEAR POWER  
DEVELOPMENT IN FRG. END SUMMARY.

2. JANUARY 22 BUNDESTAG DEBATE WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT  
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NUCLEAR POWER IN THE FRG WHICH WERE POSED BY THE

MEMBERS OF ITS OWN PARTIES (SPD-FDP). THE QUESTIONS (TO BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE REPORT) AND THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE WERE THE MOST RECENT STEPS IN A PUBLIC DECISION PROCESS WHICH BEGAN SOME TWO YEARS AGO. THE GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO EXPLOIT THIS CAREFULLY STAGED SET-PIECE SEEMS TO BE AN INDICATION OF DIMINISHED PRESSURES IN THE BUNDESTAG BOTH FOR AND AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER IN THE FRG.

3. DECREASES IN PRIMARY ENERGY CONSUMPTION (3 PERCENT IN 1974 AND 6 PERCENT IN 1975) AND DECLINING GROWTH RATE IN ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (8 PERCENT PER YEAR 1964-1973 DROPPED TO 3.1 PERCENT IN 1974) APPARENTLY ENCOURAGE BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BUNDESTAG FACTIONS TO RECONSIDER THE NECESSITY FOR EXPEDITING NUCLEAR POWER CONSTRUCTION AND TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER POSSIBLE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES, ALREADY GERMANY'S HIGHEST PRIORITY ENERGY POLICY.

4. PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM ALL FACTIONS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE FACILITIES OF ALL KINDS AND ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DISMANTLING OLD NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: NEITHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NOR THE BUNDESTAG DELEGATES SEEMED WILLING TO GO FAR OUT ON A LIMB IN THIS DEBATE, IN EITHER DIRECTION. WE ASSUME THAT BOTH WILL MARK TIME PENDING THE OCTOBER BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS.  
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